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Subject: Hi,

Hi,

I'd like to add comments to this landmark case which will greatly affect me and most other Americans.

There are many problems with the settlement the DOJ is proposing. I won't go into them here, but instead concentrate on one area that it does not address.

Microsoft has been judged in the past to have intentionally modified its products to degrade the user experience of end users attempting to use a competitor's product. An example is the 1996 Caldera vs. Microsoft case.

This example shows how Microsoft deliberately degrades its product to both harm end users and competitors. The second harm feeds back into an even greater harm on end user by effectively destroying competition. One of the DOJ's primary missions is to ensure that competition is not illegally suppressed in this fashion.

The Proposed Final Judgement does nothing to prohibit or even discourage this behavior. Therefore the Proposed Final Judgement should be either discarded or redrafted to address this issue.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my view,

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